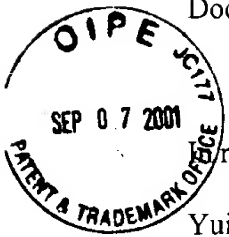


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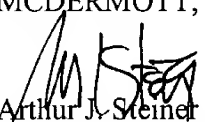
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Applicant WADA, Yuichi		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

☒ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

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3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☒ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 24 March 2000 (24.03.00)	Date of completion of this report 31 January 2001 (31.01.2001)
Name and mailing address of the IPEA/JP	Authorized officer
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International application No.

PCT/JP99/06032

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

- ☐ the international application as originally filed
- ☒ the description:
 pages _____ 1-17 _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☒ the claims:
 pages _____ 6 _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, as amended (together with any statement under Article 19
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____ 1,7-8,10 _____, filed with the letter of 04 September 2000 (04.09.2000)
- ☒ the drawings:
 pages _____ 1-13 _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:
 pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
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3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☒ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☒ the claims, Nos. _____ 2-5,9 _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig _____

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rule 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1,6-8,10	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1,6-8,10	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1,6-8,10	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

(1) Documents

Documents 1-5 cited in the ISR are as follows:

Document 1: JP, 4-53132, A (Toshiba Corp.), 20 February, 1992 (20.02.92), the claims, Examples 1 and 6 (Family: none)

Document 2: JP, 9-45773, A (NEC Corp.), 14 February, 1997 (14.02.97), the claims, examples, page 4, paragraph 0034 (Family: none)

Document 3: JP, 9-302471, A (Anelva Corp.), 25 November, 1997 (25.11.97), column 2, lines 20-27 (Family: none)

Document 4: JP, 62-120475, A (Nichiden Anelva K.K.), 1 June, 1987 (01.06.87), the claims, drawings (Family: none)

Document 5: JP, 7-267621, A (Showa Denko K.K.), 17 October, 1995 (17.10.95), the claims, drawings (Family: none)

Document 1 describes a method of forming copper by coating with an organic metal containing copper, and heating.

Document 2 describes a method of forming, for example, aluminum and copper by coating with an organic metal containing, for example, aluminum and copper, and heating.

Document 3 describes Cu (hfac) (tmvs) as a liquid organic metal containing copper.

Documents 4 and 5 describe an apparatus having a film forming means and a heating means, in which both the means are connected through a carrying means.

(2) Explanation

Documents 1-5 disclose means of coating with an organic metal-containing liquid containing copper and thermally decomposing to form a film. However, the present application has a constituent feature that an organic metal-containing liquid mainly composed of (hfac) Cu⁺¹ (tmvs) and (hfac) Cu⁺¹ (teovs) is thermally decomposed to form a film at a predetermined pressure higher than the atmospheric pressure to inhibit the natural evaporation of the organic metal-containing liquid. This constituent feature is neither disclosed in any of documents 1-5, nor obvious to a person skilled in the art.

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VI. Certain documents cited

1. Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)

<u>Application No. Patent No.</u>	<u>Publication date (day/month/year)</u>	<u>Filing date (day/month/year)</u>	<u>Priority date (valid claim) (day/month/year)</u>
JP,11-1778,A (K.K. Tori Chemical Kenkyusho) PY	06 January 1999 (06.01.1999)	04 December 1997 (04.12.1997)	04 August 1997 (04.08.1997)

2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 70.9)

<u>Kind of non-written disclosure</u>	<u>Date of non-written disclosure (day/month/year)</u>	<u>Date of written disclosure referring to non-written disclosure (day/month/year)</u>